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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of United
4 States Army Staff Sergeant Kevin D. Grieco, who was killed in
5 action in Pol-e Khomri, Afghanistan on October 27, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Kevin Grieco was born in Frankfort,
7 Germany on October 25, 1973; he lived the first 18 years of his
8 life as an "Army brat", moving from base to base with his
9 family, including stays in the United States and two tours in
10 Germany; he later attended Waynesville High School in
11 Waynesville, Missouri, and after graduation became the third
12 generation of his family to join the United States Armed Forces
13 when he enlisted in the United States Navy; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1997, after five years in the U.S. Navy, Staff
15 Sergeant Kevin Grieco joined the Navy Reserve and moved to
16 Winfield with his parents to begin his academic career; after
17 taking classes at North Central College and joining the ROTC at
18 Wheaton College, he earned his bachelor's degree in outdoor
19 recreation and leadership from Aurora University in 2004; and

20 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Kevin Grieco's passion for his
21 country spurred him to rejoin the military in June of 2006,
22 when he joined the Illinois National Guard and was placed in

1 the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery; in June of 2008, his
2 unit was federalized and brought to the active component; after
3 two months of training at Fort Bragg, he was sent to
4 Afghanistan to provide security for Afghani police training in
5 and around his base in Konduz, where he served until his
6 unfortunate passing; and

7 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Kevin Grieco was the recipient of
8 numerous awards for his dedicated service in Afghanistan,
9 including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; he was also the
10 recipient of the Afghan Campaign Medal, the United Nations War
11 on Terrorism Service Medal, the Abraham Lincoln Freedom Medal,
12 the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and

13 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Kevin Grieco joined the Cub Scouts
14 in 1982 and, within the span of seven years, achieved the
15 honorable title of Eagle Scout; still a dedicated Scout, he
16 volunteered as a scout leader for Troop 575 in Winfield at the
17 age of 24; and

18 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Kevin Grieco and his beloved wife,
19 Rashmi Chawathe Grieco, were blessed with two children, Joshua
20 Grieco and Angeli Grieco; and

21 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Kevin Grieco's selfless acts of
22 dedication and patriotism serve as a model to follow for the

1 people of the State of Illinois and the nation at large;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of United
6 States Army Staff Sergeant Kevin D. Grieco; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Kevin
8 Grieco and his willingness to serve our country, which led to
9 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Staff Sergeant Kevin Grieco as an
12 expression of our sympathy.